Structure

The College of Education has a variety of centers and offices that provide specific services to its students, faculty, and public schools:

Within the **Office of Undergraduate Teacher Education and Accreditation**, the Associate Dean coordinates all activities related to undergraduate education: Title II and BOR reporting; CAEP/NCATE/PSC accreditation; College of Education Unit and program assessment; and Educator Preparation Committee activities. The Director of Field Experiences and Clinical Experiences facilitates all field experiences and coordinates student teaching and the Partnership Council including Clinical Associates, Clinical Supervisors, and Partner Schools in collaboration with the various departments, public schools and international partners. Contact information for the Director of Field Experiences and Clinical Practice is Ms. Patricia A. Parsons, pparsons@georgiasouthern.edu, (912) 478-0499.

The **Office of Graduate Education and Research** coordinates graduate admissions and program offerings as well as research and grant activity for the College in collaboration with the various departments, campus offices, and school systems.

The **Center for Educational Leadership and Service** is committed to serving school-university partnerships in preparation, certification, and support of “performance coaches” in educational leadership preparation programs. Furthermore, the Center develops leadership capacity in P-12 partner schools through sponsored research and professional development activities.

The **Coastal Area Teacher Education Service (CATES)** promotes the continuing education and professional development of teachers and other educators in school systems in the southeast area of Georgia. CATES assists in the scheduling of off-campus graduate education courses, publicizes those courses and Professional Learning Unit (PLU) opportunities, and assists off-campus graduate education students as needed.

The **College of Education Student Success Center (SSC)** is responsible for the advisement of all undergraduate education majors. The Director of the SSC and Certification Officer serves as a liaison between the College and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission dealing with certification matters. The Director evaluates student transcripts to determine course needs for acquiring initial or additional certification fields and makes the College’s recommendations for certification.

The **Georgia Center for Educational Renewal** conducts research and identifies its applications to practice for education renewal and/or reform in P-20 schools. It also focuses on educator preparation to facilitate improved teaching and learning in schools, especially for under-served populations. The Center is committed to closing the gaps between research and practice, the university and the schools and in the achievement of minority/majority students.

The **Graduate Academic Services Center** provides a comprehensive graduate experience beginning with recruiting prospective graduate students to providing student support for College of Education graduate students from program entry through graduation. The staff provides direct advisement for graduate students in several programs and provides pre-admission advisement for students in the College of Education. The Center staff also provides faculty and administrator support through the collecting, processing, and consolidating of assessment data for College of Education graduate programs.

The **Instructional Resources Center (IRC)** provides computer laboratories, portable multimedia equipment, and a variety of material resources and equipment for students and faculty. The IRC also provides technical and instructional assistance to College of Education faculty, staff, and students.

The **National Youth-At-Risk Center** develops, coordinates, and extends further the ongoing efforts of the College of Education to foster the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical well-being of youth placed at risk by providing professional development, research support, and resource assistance for educators serving these youth within the geographical service region of Georgia Southern and beyond.